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DESIGNATING A COORDINATOR OF STRATEGIC INFORMATION:

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States and as Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, it is ordered as follows:

- 1. There is hereby established the position of Coordinator of Defense Intelligence, with authority to collect and analyze information and data, military or otherwise, which may bear upon national defense strategy; to interpret and correlate such strategic information and data, and to make it available to the President and to such other officials as the President may determine; and to carry out, when requested by the President, such supplementary activities as may facilitate the securing of strategic information not now available to the Government.
- 2. The several departments and agencies of the Government shall make available to the Coordinator of Strategic Information such information and data relating to national defense strategy as the Coordinator, with the approval of the President, may from time to time request.
- 3. The Coordinator of Strategic Information may appoint such committees, consisting of appropriate representatives of the various departments and agencies of the Government, as he may deem necessary to assist him in the performance of his functions.

- 4. The Coordinator of Strategic Information shall perform these duties and responsibilities, which include those of a military character, under the direction and supervision of the President as Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States.
- 5. Within the limits of such funds as may be allocated to the Coordinator of Strategic Information by the President, the Coordinator may employ necessary personnel and make provisions for the necessary supplies, facilities, and services.
- 6. William J. Donovan, United States Army, is hereby designated as Coordinator of Strategic Information.

THE WHITE HOUSE,

June 25, 1941.